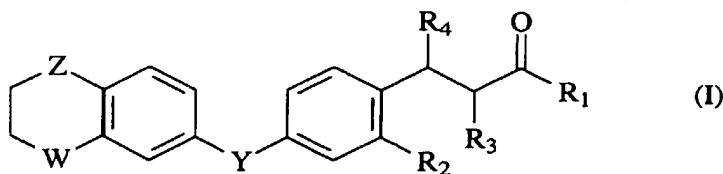


LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. Canceled.
2. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic/pharmaceutical regime or regimen for treating disorders of the barrier function of human skin, ~~disorders of the secretion of epidermal lipids, photodermatoses or ulcers, and/or disorders of the metabolism of lipids~~, comprising administering to an individual afflicted with a disorder of the barrier function of his or her skin in need of such treatment, for such period of time as required to elicit the desired response, an effective skin barrier function-restoring ~~a thus-effective~~ amount of at least one polycyclic aromatic compound having the structural formula (I):



in which R₁ is a hydrogen atom or an -OR₅ radical, wherein R₅ is as defined below; R₂ is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl radical; R₃ and R₄, which may be identical or different, are each a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl radical, with the proviso that R₂ and R₃, may together form a naphthalene ring with the adjacent benzene ring; Y is an oxygen atom, an